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For : LENS BARREL HAVING A MOVABLE OPTICAL ELEMENT SUPPORT FRAME

Group Art Unit : 2851
Examiner : David GRAY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir :

Prior to further examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this Amendment.